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In re Application of: Eckhard Alt
Application No.: 09/735401
Filed: December 12, 2000
For: Tubular Stent with Oval Struts
Examiner: Michael Thaler
Group Art Unit: 3731

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 19, 2004.

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please amend the application as follows:

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